what steps Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) whether the irrationality of retention price for old and new fertilizer plants has been brougnt to the notice of Government and what steps have been taken to remove the discrepancies in the determination of retention price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No commitment has been given to IMF regarding complete elimination of subsidy on fertilizers

(b) and (c) For fixing the retention price in respect of controlled fertilizers, the capacity of each fertilizer unit is assessed on the basis of the design capacity. Based on the production capacity so assessed, retention price is fixed for each unit taking into account the assessed level of production, feedstock used, vintage of the plant, cost of raw-material and other factors. No instance of underestimation of capacity has come to the notice of the Government.

रामागुण्डम में एफ. सी. आई का संयंत्र

2286. **श्री वी. हनुमंत राव :** क्या **रसायन और उर्वरक** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आंध्र प्रदेश में रामागुण्डम में एफ.सी.आई. संयंत्र अपनी क्षमता से 40 प्रतिशत से कम उत्पादन कर रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान एफ.सी.आई. संयंत्र के उत्पादन का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) इस संयंत्र को और उत्पादक बनाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ;

(घ) क्या एफ.सी.आई. रामागुण्डम संयंत्र में और पूंजी निवेश करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) और (ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान रामागुण्डम संयंत्र की क्षमता उपयोगिता निम्नानुसार थी :—

(000 मीटरी टन नाइट्रोजन)

वर्ष	स्थापित क्षमता (निर्धारित क्षमता)	वार्षिक उत्पादन	प्रतिशत क्षमता उपयोगिता
1991–92	227.7	88.3	38.8
1992–93	227.7	58.0	25.5
1993–94	227.7	88.8	39.0

(ग) से (ङ) दि फर्टिलाइजर कार्पोरेशन आफ इंडिया लि. (एफ.सी.आई.) के अद्यतन अनुमान के अनुसार, 60% क्षमता उपयोगिता प्राप्त करने के लिए रामागुण्डम एकक के पुनर्वास में पुराने दायित्वों आदि के निपटान में अन्य राहतों सहित 219 करोड़ रु० का निवेश अंतर-ग्रस्त होगा। औद्योगिक एवं वित्तीय पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड (बी.आई.एफ.आर.) ने रुग्ण औद्योगिक कंपनियाँ विशेष उपबन्ध अधिनियम 1985 के अन्तर्गत एफ सी आई को रुग्ण कंपनी घोषित किया है। बी आई एफ आर में भारतीय औद्योगिक ऋण एवं निवेश निगम लि. (आई.सी.आई.सी.आई.) को प्रचालन अभिकरण नियुक्त किया है। बी.आई.एफ.आर. ने प्रचालन अभिकरण को 14–7–1994 को यह निदेश दिया गया है कि वह तकनीकी, वित्तीय और वाणिज्यिक रूप से व्यवहार्य दृष्टिकोण से एफ. सी.आई. के एककों के पुनर्वास हेतु सभी विकल्पों का मूल्यांकन करे और अपने प्रस्ताव 3 माह के भीतर बी.आई.एफ.आर को प्रस्तुत करे। अतः रामागुण्डम एकक सहित एफ.सी.आई. के पुनरुद्धार/पुनर्वा

के संबंध में कोई अंतिम निर्णय, बी.आई.एफ.आर., जो एक न्यायिक कल्प प्राधिकरण है, के समक्ष लम्बित कार्यवाहियों के निष्कर्ष पर निर्भर है।

HAL'S inability to manufacture adequate penicilin

2287. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan antibiotics Ltd. has not been able to manufacture Penicillin to the fullest extent possible;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the reasons for low output include high contamination rate, low yield per unit of time, low recovery in post-fermentation process and high specific energy consumption;

(d) whether the HAL is negotiating modernisation with MAX-GB;

(e) whether it is a fact that MAX-GB proposed to offer a lease rent for Penicillin in a joint ventures at Rs. 7 crores;

(f) whether it is a fact that experts Committee appointed by Government to evaluate MAX GB's offer estimated the fair rent to be Rs. 32 crores a year (Net of taxes) and yet MOU is proposed by HAL to be signed with Max GB at Rs. 13 crores a year;

(g) whether it is a fact that Max GB had assessed value of HAL's assets initially at Rs. 27 crores and subsequently, to outbid other competitors, had reassessed HAL's assets value at Rs. 170 crores; and

(h) whether it is also a fact that SPIC and BPGL have requested HAL management to allow them to inspect the HAL's plant for assessing which was rejected while Max GB was permitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (h) The utilisation of rated capacity of penicillin-G of Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL) in recent years has been over 80 per cent.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been entered into between Hindustan Antibiotics Limited and MAX-GB for technology upgradation in the existing plant of HAL through a Joint Venture Collaboration. This is subject to approval of the Government which has not yet been given. The matter relating to the proposed Joint Venture between HAL and MAX-GB is before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi through writ Petitions No. C.W. 3160/94, 3161/94 and 3181/94. The Union of India is the first Respondent in all the three Petitions. The Notices of the Court in respect of these writ Petitions have been received by the Government on the 5th August, 1994.

Anti Tuberculosis Drug Rifampicin

2288. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister for CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vital anti tuberculosis drug, Rifampicin, is manufactured by using 'Rifa-S' as its key intermediate raw-material, which is imported solely and in accordance with the import policy of Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that though on expiry of the earlier import policy relating to 'Rifa-S' new import regime should have come into effect from the 1st April, 1994, the same has not been materialised so far;

(c) if so, the reasons attributable thereto;

(d) whether it is also a fact that India, having the largest incidence of